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Miscellaneous SERIES.

G.O. No. 4759

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[Despatch Abstract.]

...s - Government Buildings - Offices of the Deputy Registrars of the ...tive Societies - Construction - Registrar's proposals - Deferred.

From Co-operative Department.

Sri. Rao Bahadur J.C. Ryan, M.A.,
Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

R.C. 12222/47/D.II. dated 20.8.1947.

Sir,

Sub:- Buildings - Government buildings - Offices of the Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies Construction of.

At present the offices of the Deputy Registrars except those of the Deputy Registrars, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Madras and Nilgiris, are located in private rented buildings, as there are no Government buildings available for their occupation. The Deputy Registrars of these districts have been representing that the buildings are mostly unsuitable for the occupation of Government offices and that they are put to much inconvenience on this account. The Government building provided to the Deputy Registrar, Trichinopoly, is old, ill ventilated and is unsuitable for the office.

In addition, consequent on the several schemes of development of the co-operative movement, such as the development of weavers co-operative societies, milk supply societies and unions, co-operative housing schemes, etc additional staff for office and executive work has been sanctioned. The Deputy Registrars are finding it extremely difficult to find buildings which can conveniently accommodate their offices. Many of them have been constrained to continue in the same building with the existing staff with the result that the ~~same~~ 6 clerks, co-operative Sub Registrars and others are huddled together in the very limited accommod ation available in the buildings. This not only tells upon the health of the staff but also affects their efficiency.

2. Several non-official co-operators connected with the movement often visit the district offices and meet the Deputy Registrar and the Co-operative Sub Registrars for discussion and guidance with regard to the working of co-operative institutions with which they are connected. The location of the Deputy Registrars' offices in small, congested buildings make it extremely difficult and inconvenient for the non-official visitors to meet the officers frequently in the office premises. This is not conducive for the efficient working of the department.

3. During the last year or two there have been several cases in which the owners of these buildings have been demanding exorbitant rents. In the case of the offices of the Deputy Registrar, Bellary, the owner of the building has applied to me for vacating the building for her residence and the shifting of the office has to be considered seriously. In the case of the office of the Deputy Registrar, Mangalore, the owner of the building has refused to receive rent for the past several months. There are other instances in which the matter had to be taken to the Rent Controller for a decision. This surely causes anxiety and inconvenience to the Deputy Registrars and interferes with the efficient discharge of their duties.

4. In view of the expansion of the movement and of the

consequent addition to the staff of the department, increasing association of the non-officials with co-operative organizations and of the increasing difficulties experienced by the officers from the private owners of buildings and of the great need for provision of healthful conditions in which the office staff and officers can carry on their day to day work, I am convinced that the time has come when Government have to consider the immediate need for taking up a programme for the construction of houses of the districts offices of this department. I need hardly add that this is calculated in due course to bring about considerable economy in expenditure. In 1938-39, the amount of rents paid for my Deputy Registrars' offices was Rs. 12,500/- while for the financial year 1946-47, it was Rs. 20,300/-. I have no doubt that this will increase still further in the immediate future. I, therefore, request that Government may be pleased to order the construction of Government buildings for the location of the offices of the Deputy Registrars. If Government for any reason find it difficult to take this up in all the districts at one time, a beginning to carry out a three-year plan may at least be made now. I shall obtain and submit the plans and estimates from the Public Works Department on hearing from Government. In this connection I may point out that Government have admitted that housing accommodation is scarce in towns. If these offices are located in new Government buildings, the premises vacated by the offices will become available to the public and what is more important considerable savings to Government in respect of expenditure under rent will be ensured.

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For Registrar.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Abstract.

Buildings - Government Buildings - Offices of the Deputy Registrars of the Co-operative Societies - Construction - Registrar's proposal - Deferred.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 4939. Dated the 17th October 1947.

Read:-

From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, R.C. No. 12222/47/D.II. dated 20.8.1947.

Order:-

The proposal is deferred.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

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To

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras.

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